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SUBJECT: MAE SOD - RTG RELATIONS WITH BURMESE DISSIDENTS

FOLLOWING RECD FROM CHIANG MAI DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1973
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E.O. 11652: RECOMMEND EXEMPT

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SUBJECT: MAE SOD - RTG RELATIONS WITH BURMESE DISSIDENTS

REF: CHIANG MAI 411

1. REFTEL DESCRIBES ONGOING COMMERCIAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN MAE SOD DISTRICT AND KAREN CONTROLLED BURMESE
TERRITORY ADJACENT TO IT. DURING SAME VISIT REFTEL, IT
ALSO BECAME CLEAR THAT LONG STANDING POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS
IN MAE SOD BETWEEN RTG AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS DISSIDENTS
IN THE AREA HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGED. TO WIT:

A. AT LEAST FROM AIR, PDP CAMP AT BAN HUA FAI,
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(VC. MU 585470) APPEARS IN GOOD SHAPE. ACCORDING
TO BPP SGT., TRAINING IS STILL GOING ON AT THAT
CAMP.

B. WANG KHA VILLAGE (REFTEL) IS ALSO A HEAD-

QUARTERS AREA FOR BOTH THE KAREN AND MON REBELS, ACCORDING MAJ. SANTI UDOMSAK, BPP CMDR. MAE SOD. TOWN OF WANG KHA IS FILLED WITH MEN OF MILITARY AGE RELAXING IN THEIR LONGYIS. ALSO, ACCORDING TO MAJ. SANTI, SUPREME CMD., CID AND THIRD ARMY MAINTAIN LIAISON OFFICERS INTERMITTENTLY IN WANG KHA.

C. COOPERATION WITH KAREN APPEARS CLOSE. WHEN ASKED HOW BPP GETS FROM MAE SOD TO UMPHANG WHEN AIRPLANES ARE NOT AVAILABLE, MAJ. SANTI SAID THEY DRIVE BY JEEP ACROSS BASE OF SALIENT OF BURMESE TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY KAREN. (FROM APPROX. MU 6801 TO MT 7880). SANTI ALSO SAID THAT DURING RECENT COMBAT BETWEEN KAREN AND GUB FORCES, BPP LOANED KAREN 38 M-79'S; WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN RETURNED.
MONTGOMERY
UNQUOTE KINTNER

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